

Sunday, March 27, 2022

St. John of the Cross Parish

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RECONCILIATION

After the 9am Masses Mon. to Saturday or by appointment.

BAPTISM

Parents are required to attend the Baptism Preparation Class. They are also encouraged to attend the class prior to the birth of the baby. Godparents are expected to attend the class. A registration package is available at the Parish Office or at our website for download. Email the completed forms to the parish office.

MARRIAGE

It is required that one of those to be married resides within the Parish boundary. Couples planning to be married must contact the Parish office at least one year in advance of their proposed date. They are required to complete a Marriage Preparation Course.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the office.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday:
9:30am—4:30pm and 6:00-8:30pm
Saturday:
9:30am -12:00pm and 3:15-6:15pm
Sunday: 9:30am—1:30pm

MASS TIMES

Mondays to Saturdays: 9:00am
Additional Mass on Wednesdays: 7:00pm
Additional Mass on 1st Fridays: 7:00pm
Sundays:
8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, and 4:00pm
Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm on Saturday

AddMe

To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin and Sunday Mass link, click AddMe to be added to the Parish Email List.



Click here for
Live Stream

All 9am morning masses, Monday to Saturday, and the Saturday 5pm (Sunday Mass) Holy Mass will be livestreamed.

PLEASE OBSERVE SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY:

1. Wear mask
2. Sanitize your hands when you come inside the church

Two Steps for E-Transfer:

- 1) Send donations to: admin@sjocross.org
- 2) Send a separate email message to admin@sjocross.org with your Security Answer, your Name, Phone number, and purpose of this fund.

BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS



**Stations of the Cross
every Friday evening
at 7pm during Lent
followed by the Holy
Mass.**

DAILY MASS READINGS

March 28	Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54
March 29	Ezekiel 47:1-9,12; John 5:1-16
March 30	Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:16-30
March 31	Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:18,31-47
April 1	Wisdom 2:1a,12-22; John 7:1-2,10,25-30
April 2	Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53
April 3	Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

*After the Holy Mass,
please wait for the priest
to reach the back of the
church before leaving.*

Baby Bottle Campaign!

The BBC 2022 is officially over! The Knights of Columbus Council 12706 would like to thank all the parishioners and clergy at St. John of the Cross Parish. If you haven't returned your bottle, please do so at the Church office during regular hours. We have many bottles to count and look forward to sharing the results of your generosity with you as soon as we can! And it's not too late to donate if you didn't have time to fill a bottle - <http://jfjhopecentre.ca/bbc/>

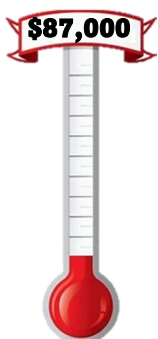


Thank you for caring enough to share your blessings with families in need and make a difference in the lives of so many - God Bless You!

Bernadette Williams, Communications and Development Manager, JFJ Hope Centre!



1st Sharelife Collection this weekend, March 26-27.



Your contribution helps fund the much needed programs in our community.

Thank you for your generosity!

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PARISH LENTEN MISSION

The Seven Last Words of Jesus

FR. HENRY ALVA OFM CAP.

MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY

MARCH 28TH–30TH

7:00PM–9:00PM



Fr Henry Alva, a student at St Aloysius College, Mangaluru, completed his formation for priesthood with the Capuchins and was ordained in 1987. He served as a missionary in Papua New Guinea for 12 years and as the rector of 'Deena Seva Ashram', Institute of Philosophy, Bengaluru for six years.

Fr Henry Alva has been residing in Canada for the past twelve years. He is well known for his dedicated spiritual services for Capuchins, various parishes and prayer groups and especially for the Konkani community in Canada. By profession, he is a counselor. He is an experienced family and marriage therapist and helps many families. He is also a very good teacher and teaches counseling at 'Toronto Institute of Pastoral Counseling Education.

Fr Henry Alva became the first priest who preached Lenten retreat in Konkani organized by Mangalorean Association of Canada during the Holy season on Lent nine years ago. He is a very popular personality in Canada not only amongst communities of Indian origin but also with faithful of different nationalities. His loveable nature and inspiring homilies makes him extra-special. He is truly a great gift for youth in Canada who always guides them to a right path based on gospel values.

Mark your calendar!

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 28, 9am

1. For the soul of Bonnie Ceasar D'Mello, requested by Martha Dias
2. For the soul of Juan Hrepic Sr., requested by Juan Hrepic Jr.
3. For the soul of Roland Lopez, requested by the Family
4. For an increase in vocations to the priesthood & religious life, requested by a parishioner

Tuesday, March 29, 9am

1. Birthday Blessings for Beverly Lobo, requested by the DeSouza Family
2. For the soul of Anne Ottemiller, requested by the Rodgers Family
3. For the soul of John Benjamin, requested by the Benjamin Family
4. Thanksgiving Birthday Blessings for Dustin DeSouza, requested by the DeSouza Family
5. For the soul of Roque Soares, requested by Rolinda, Cyrus & Family
6. For the soul of Lourdes Pedro, requested by Adele Pedro

Wednesday, March 30, 9am

1. For the soul of John D'Souza, requested by Ivy Carnelio
2. For the soul of Priscilla Souza, requested by the Castro Family

Thursday, March 31, 9am

1. For the soul of Vernon Carvalho, requested by John Bosco Alumnae Canada

Friday, April 1, 9am

1. For the soul of John D'Souza, requested by Ivy Carnelio
2. For the souls of Lawrence & Ida Maria Lewis, requested by the Nicholson Family
3. For the souls of Polson & Annie Karam, requested by the Nicholson Family
4. For the soul of Limbrado Malimbao, requested by the Atendido Family

Saturday, April 2, 9am

1. For the soul of Francis Yap, requested by Jessy Yap & Family

Saturday, April 2, 5pm

1. For the soul of Ronald D'Souza, requested by

Clara D'Souza and Family

2. For the soul of Edith Murray, requested by Allan and Freda Lewis

Sunday, April 3, 8am

1. For the soul of Ricardina Fernandes, requested by Fernandes and DeSouza Families
2. For the soul of Liban Pinto, requested by the Pinto Family

Sunday, April 3, 10am

1. For the soul of Emilia Jozef Kupiec, requested by Elizabeth Zalewska

Sunday, April 3, 12pm

1. Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Joseph Katopo, requested by the Family

SEEKING GARDENING VOLUNTEERS

The Gardening Committee needs new members. They meet on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 am to about 11:00 am May to September. No gardening experience is necessary. If you can spare the time, please call Al at 416. 970. 9242.



LENT

A SEASON OF RENEWAL

Flowers Offering for the Altar

If you wish to contribute for the altar flowers for Easter, a green envelope will be handed this weekend for your use.

Thank you for your generosity!



Easter Mass Cards are now available at the parish office for \$3 each.

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“... Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”

Matthew 19:14



FAMILY ACTIVITY FOR THE WEEK:

What Do You Know about Lent?

Okay, guys, the last three weeks, we talked about the 3 pillars of Lent. Now, let’s see what you know about Lent. Ask Mom and Dad for help if there’s anything that you are not sure of. And if Mom and Dad needs help (grown-ups need help too), ask Fr. Joyson or Fr. Felix when you come to church. Here we go!

TRUE OR FALSE

- 1. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday.
- 2. We do fasting and abstinence on Good Friday.
- 3. There are 30 days in Lent,
- 4. The colour of Lent is green.
- 5. Lent is the time before Christmas.
- 6. No Mass is celebrated on Good Friday.
- 7. Lent is considered a time of penance and discipline.
- 8. Lent ends on Good Friday.
- 9. The 3 pillars of discipline during Lent are Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.
- 10. We don’t sing Alleluia in the Mass during Lent.

Word Search

SEASON OF LENT

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- Purple Penance Easter Abstinence Ashes
- Fasting Family Vigil Communion Bunny
- Mass Charity Creed Eucharist Church
- Confession Retreat Prayer Baptism

“Here is a rule for everyday life: do not do anything which you cannot offer to God.”
St. John Mary Vianney

2021 TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts 2021 are ready for pick up at your convenience.

If you prefer that your receipt be emailed to you, please email the parish office at

sjocrossmi@archtoronto.org

Thank you for your generosity!

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CATHOLIC FAITH Q & A:

Q: When Holy Communion is distributed, why is “The Body of Christ” said? Why not say, “The Body and Blood of Christ.” Or better yet, “This is Jesus.”

A. We use the word “body” for several reasons. First of all, Jesus himself used the word “body” (soma in Greek) when giving the Eucharist for the first time: “Take and eat, this is my Body (soma).” Hence we, in conformity to Christ, use this way of speaking of the Eucharist.

Secondly, both the English word “body” and the Greek word “soma” can refer strictly to the physical dimension of a person, or more broadly to the whole person. In English, I can say, “My arm is part of my body.” Here I am referring to my physical dimension. However, I might also say, “I am somebody,” which refers not only to my physicality but to my whole self. We can also do this in the plural such as when we speak of the “body of believers,” or the body-politic.” Here we do not refer to a physical body, but rather to the sum total, or the majority of some group.

Hence, we do not exclude any dimension of Christ by referring to his “Body,” as if we were only referring to his flesh. Rather, “Body” here refers to the whole Christ. Surely, it pertains to a living human body (and Jesus is quite alive) to have not only flesh, but also blood and soul together. We also receive with his body, his divine nature since it is united to him hypostatically.

And while we do speak of what is in the Chalice more specifically as the Blood of Christ,

this is only to distinguish its species (i.e. what we perceive) from the host. But once again, Jesus is alive and glorified and his body, blood, soul and divinity are together. Here, even in the smallest drop of Precious Blood, the whole Christ is received.

Answered by Msgr. Charles Pope

LENTEN LITANY

Response Holy One, you are shelter and strength for those in distress.

When loved ones experience pain and suffering...
When illness, aging, or chronic pain diminish our joy...
When doubts arise and confusion fills our minds...
When others fail us or refuse to forgive us for our failings...
When we stumble and stray from the path of goodness...
When death separates us from those we love dearly...
When financial problems threaten our security...
When things do not go the way we planned...
When depression or loneliness return again and again...
When broken relationships have not been mended...
When our faith strengthens and gives us courage...
When the precious gift of life is recognized and appreciated...
When unexpected kindness and caring comes our way...
When optimism stirs in our heart and springtime returns...
When the peace of Christ calms our anxiety and softens our sadness...
When we realize that our loving presence can make a difference...
When the joy of Easter quietly permeates our heart...

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A Biblical Walk Through **THE MASS**



*Fall in love
with our Lord
all over again!*



The Mass is nothing short of amazing. Through it, we encounter God in the most intimate way possible as we hear him speak to us in the Liturgy of the Word and as we receive him Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist.

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Registration fee of \$42 includes the book, workbook, and video access.

**Sessions are in-person every Tuesday for 5 weeks
starting on May 10th, from 7:00-8:30pm.**

Register at the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 3rd.

Couples may share the study materials.

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LENTEN SCHEDULE

Friday Nights
7pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
followed by Holy Mass

March 28th—30th
7pm—9pm

PARISH MISSION
by Fr. Henry Alva OFM Cap.

April 5th
7pm—9pm

PARISH RECONCILIATION

April 9th/10th

PALM SUNDAY
Saturday, April 9th, 5pm
Sunday, April 10th
8am, 10am, 12pm, 4pm

April 14th
8pm—12am

HOLY THURSDAY
Holy Eucharist with Washing of
the Feet followed by Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament

April 15th
10:00am
3:00pm
7:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY
Stations of the Cross (Youth)
Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord
Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord

April 16th
8:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY
Easter Sunday Vigil Mass

April 17th

EASTER SUNDAY
8am, 10am, 12pm, 4pm

April 24th
3pm

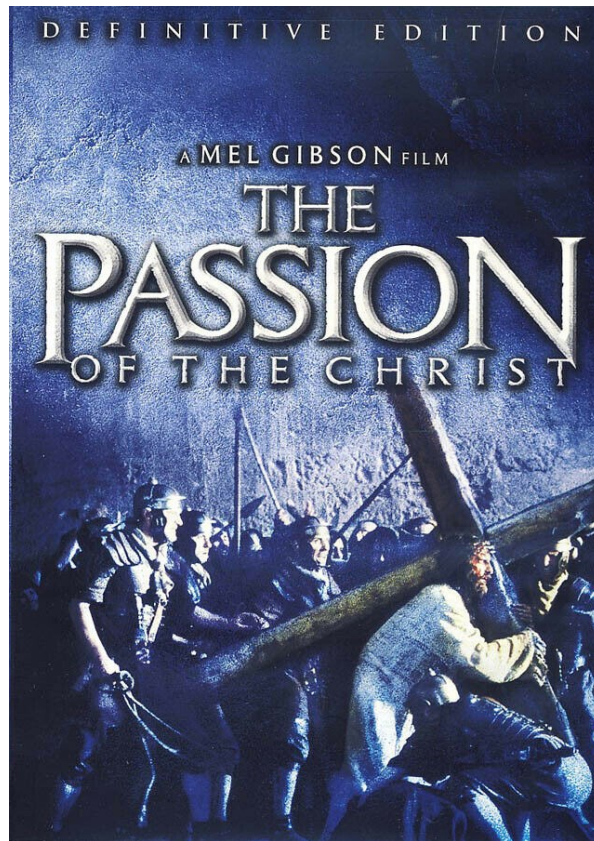
DIVINE MERCY
Prayer by Parish Prayer Group

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PARISH MOVIE NIGHT

Thursday, March 31st

6:30-8:30pm



One of the cinema's most intensely powerful movie-going experiences, The Passion of the Christ has become a critically acclaimed, global box-office phenomenon. It depicts the final twelve hours in the life of Jesus of Nazareth, on the day of his crucifixion in Jerusalem.

Click to register:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZltcuipqDovHdXQ6HnOJN3zVfsmv4mSmzrI>

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On

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(Any Kind)

Furniture

(Any Kind)

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INCOME TAX PREPARATION For Eligible Individuals

Free income tax preparation for low income individuals is offered by the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP), coordinated by the Canada Revenue Agency.

Contact the parish office to check eligibility and to book an appointment on Saturdays from 9 AM to 12:00 PM, during the months of March and April.

Due to the current restrictions, all tax preparation will be completed by way of **telephone interview** with the approval of the taxpayer.

To qualify for the CVITP program, the income requirements (Approx.) are as follows:

- \$35,000 for a single person who has no dependents
- \$45,000 for a single parent and 1 child plus \$2,500 per additional dependent
- \$45,000 for a couple plus \$2,500 per dependent

The clinic does not complete tax returns for individuals with rental income, capital gains, self-employment / business income or returns for deceased individuals.

Interest income must be below \$1,000.

BEREAVEMENT SESSIONS

Registration for the April Bereavement Sessions is now open. Sessions begin April 5th on Tuesday evenings from 6 pm to 8 pm. All sessions will be held in the Seminar room in person.

Grieving is the most difficult of journeys but is the price we pay for loving someone.

Suffering a loss during the pandemic has been even more difficult as we need socialization and someone to lean on. Please contact Muriel Haney for more information at Muriel1066@bell.net and be sure to include your phone number. Masks will be required.

The Velveteen Rabbit

Marjorie William's children's story book, *The Velveteen Rabbit* tells the story of a stuffed toy rabbit given to a young boy as a Christmas present. The velveteen rabbit lives in the nursery with all the other toys, waiting for the day when the boy will choose him as a playmate.

In time, the shy Rabbit befriends the tattered Skin Horse, the wisest resident of the nursery, who reveals the goal of all nursery toys: to be made "real" through the love of a human. One night we get to overhear their conversation..

'What is REAL?' asked the Rabbit one day, as they were lying side by side near the nursery fender, just before Nana came in to tidy up the room.

'Does it mean having things that buzz inside you and a stick-out handle?'

'Real isn't how you are made,' said the Skin Horse. 'It's a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but REALLY loves you, then you become Real.'

'Does it hurt?' asked the Rabbit.


'Sometimes,' said the Skin Horse, for he was always truthful. 'When you are Real, you don't mind being hurt.'

'Does it happen all at once, like being wound up,' he asked, 'or bit by bit?'

'It doesn't happen all at once,' said the Skin Horse. 'You become. It takes a long time. That's why it doesn't often happen to people who break easily, or have sharp edges, or who have to be carefully kept. Generally, by the time you are Real, most of your hair has been loved off; and your eyes drop out and you get loose in the joints and very shabby. But these things don't matter at all, because once you are Real, you can't be ugly except to people who don't understand.'

Source: Quote from Marjorie Williams, *The Velveteen Rabbit*.

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